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# The ELI Weekly

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This is a very exciting week! We have two activities for you to participate in. As always, feel free to bring your family and conversation partners.

## Fanfares & Fireworks

On Wednesday, we will be going to Fanfares and Fireworks. Come listen to the Gainesville Community Band and watch the fireworks as you celebrate America's Independence Day with your ELI friends!

**When:** Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30pm

**Where:** We will meet at the Reitz Union Subway at 6:30 p.m. and walking over to Flavet Field. Students coming after 6:45 can meet us at Flavet Field.

**What to Bring:** This activity is free! Bring a chair or a blanket to sit or lay on. You can bring something to eat and drink if you like, or you can bring some cash to buy food. We will walk over, so wear walking shoes. You should bring bug repellent as well.

## Pool Party

Come cool off with us on Saturday! The ELI will be heading to the community pool on July 6<sup>th</sup>. The Westside pool has diving boards, lap lanes, a waterslide, and a splash area for small children.

## Fireworks & Pool Party

**When:** Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00am to 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Westside Pool, 1001 NW 31<sup>st</sup> Drive. We will be meeting at Norman Garage at 10:45 a.m. and carpooling to the pool. We will leave the pool around 2:00pm

**Cost:** The admission will be \$3.85 for adults and \$2.45 for anyone under 18 (make sure to bring your state ID to show that you are under 18!)

**What to Bring:** Make sure to wear your swimsuit and bring a towel and sunscreen! Since this is a community pool, please do **not** wear thongs, underwear, or regular shorts as a bathing suit or you will not be allowed in the pool. You can also bring your own lunch, but please eat at the picnic tables.

## The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to the Westside Pool. Details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

## Ramadan Reminder

Remember all your classes count through August 8, 2013. Students who plan to leave early for Ramadan should consider how it will affect their immigration status and how it will affect their grades and promotion for the following term. Everyone must take their final exams, which will end on August 2. In

some cases, your embassy will require you to repay the tuition if you do not take your exams.

If there is an emergency and you must leave early, please make sure that you see Daryl right away.

## ELI Places of Origin

The following is a list of the many places of origin of our ELI students:

Argentina	Kuwait
Bangladesh	Niger
Brazil	Oman
China	Poland
Colombia	Puerto Rico
Denmark	Saudi Arabia
Ecuador	Spain
France	Taiwan
Honduras	Venezuela
Japan	West Bank
Korea	

## Notes from the Office

**Daryl out:** Daryl will be out of the office from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup>. If you need to see him, please make an appointment before he leaves. While he is away, you can make an appointment with Megan or Patti but if possible, you should wait until he returns the following week.

**Independence Day:** Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, is Independence Day. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed on this day. There will be no RTS bus service this day. You will have grammar and reading/writing classes on Friday.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 1 to July 7:

Students:

July 1: Debora GonÇalves Da Silva

July 2: Maria Aviles Goyes

July 3: Salman Alkahtani

July 5: Andres Villarroel Morales

July 6: Abdullah Al Mufarrih

July 6: Ibrahim Alanbari

July 7: Rodney Rodrigues Sousa

Staff:

July 7: Madison Rittenhouse

Make sure to say, "Happy birthday!"

## Manners and Culture

*Q: If I want to have a party at my apartment, should I invite my neighbor?*

A: In general, Americans tend not to socialize with their neighbors, especially if they don't know them very well. You could invite them to the party, but you don't have to. If you expect a large, noisy crowd late at night, you should let your neighbors know as a courtesy.

*Q: As an Arabic woman, when I cook, is it okay to give my neighbors a taste of the food even if we don't know each other?*

A: This question is related to the previous one. While you could offer your neighbors some food, it would probably be considered out of the ordinary. However, it all depends on your neighbors. Some people would love to make new friends this way and others just want to be left alone.

## Grammar

*Q: What's a phrasal verb?*

A: Wow, interesting question. A phrasal verb is a verb that adds another word (or words), usually a preposition, that changes the meaning of the action completely. For example, "I dropped him" is different from, "I dropped him off." In the first example, the meaning is very specific...it means that I was carrying him, physically, and I couldn't or wouldn't hold on to him, and I dropped him. In the second case, it means that I was transporting him, most likely in my car, and I drove him to his house and let him out of the car there.

There's a catch. Students are often looking for a shortcut to understanding them, and there isn't one. The prepositions don't always make sense if you try to isolate them. Each time you change the preposition, you change the meaning entirely—basically, creating a new dictionary word. The only way to master phrasal verbs is to take notice of how they are used and practice, practice, practice, just like you would with any other new vocabulary.

Here are some useful phrasal verbs:

- I need to *make up* the exam that I missed last week.
- Can I *hand in* my essay late?

- *Put away* your cell phones, please!
- I had to *do* my homework *over* because I had too many mistakes.

*Q: I've heard the expressions "so am I" and "so do I." When can I use them? What is the meaning?*

A: They both mean that you agree with the person talking but which one you use depends on the verb in the original sentence. Use the first response for the *be* verb. Use the second response for all other verbs. Look at the conversations that follow:

Bob: I am hungry.

Suzy: So am I.

Bob: I want to go to the movies.

Suzy: So do I.

*Q: "The post office opens at 9am. Magic Kingdom Disney World opened on 1971". Why don't we use passive voice for opened since a post office and Disney World don't do the action?*

A: It's a special set of verbs that do this; the passive and active forms of *open*, *close*, *begin*, *start*, and *finish* are the same in meaning.

- Magic Kingdom Disney World opened in 1971.
- Magic Kingdom Disney World was opened in 1971.

## Quote of the Week

Fight for your opinions, but do not believe that they contain the whole truth, or the only truth.

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